

The Thought Afar Off

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The sermon emphasizes God's omniscience, instilling both awe and hope as He sees our thoughts and desires for goodness.

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-23, Hebrews 4:13

Topics: "Gods Omniscience", "Inner Life"

Description

John Henry Jowett preaches about the all-knowing nature of God as described in Psalm 139:1-12. He emphasizes that God sees every thought and desire within us, leaving no room for secrecy or hidden sin. Jowett highlights the awe that comes from realizing God's complete knowledge of our innermost being, while also pointing out the hope and joy found in God's ability to see even the smallest acts of goodness and penitence in us.

Transcript

PSALM cxxxix. 1-12.

"Thou knowest my thought afar off." That fills me with awe. I cannot find a hiding-place where I can sin in secrecy. I cannot build an apparent sanctuary and conceal evil within its walls. I cannot with a sheep's skin hide the wolf. I cannot wrap my jealousy up in flattery and keep it unknown. "Thou God seest me." He knows the bottom thought that creeps in the basement of my being. Nothing surprises God! He sees all my sin. So am I filled with awe.

"Thou knowest my thought afar off." This fills me also with hope and joy. He sees the faintest, weakest desire, aspiring after goodness. He sees the smallest fire of affection burning uncertainly in my soul. He sees every movement of penitence which looks toward home. He sees every little

triumph, and every altar I build along life's way. Nothing is overlooked.

My God is not like a policeman, only looking for crimes; He is the God of grace, looking for graces, searching for jewels to adorn His crown. So am I filled with hope and joy.

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